

Ely City Council Proceedings February 12, 2018

The Ely City Council met in regular session on 02/12/2018 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Council Members Teri Billick, Kay Hale, Elizabeth Rohner, Judy Wery and Dan Whitaker. Mayor Eldy Miller opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council member Hale moved, second by Whitaker, to approve the following consent items: 02/12/2018 Agenda as presented; Minutes from the 01-08-2018 and 01/23/2018 council meetings; January 2018 financial reports; Payment of claims totaling \$160,278.24; Transfer Resolution 2018-02.005; Native Wine permit for Dan & Debbie's Creamery. Ayes – 5.

The following claims include expenses for the City, Park Board, and Library:

Advanced, copy charges	149.57	Midwest Patch, street sign	752.30
Allegra, newsletter	101.77	MMS, engineering	872.90
Alliant Energy, utilities	12,806.80	Municipal Supply, water meters	4,292.00
Altorfer Rent, repairs	5,368.00	National Playground, equipment ½	22,304.13
Amazon, library media	292.40	Neal's Water Condition, service	19.50
Appraisal Resources, services	800.00	Nick Trenary, technology	150.00
Baker & Taylor, books	911.21	Office Express, office supply	63.38
Brown Concrete, WWTP chains	1,588.90	Office of Auditor, filing fee	175.00
Cannon, lease	109.00	US Postmaster, postage	230.18
Cardmember Services, supply	247.49	Principal, life insurance	67.76
Casey's, fuel	225.00	Linn County REC, electrical	356.54
Cleppe's, tire repair	10.00	Sam's Club, supply	539.39
Library CC, supply	1,375.69	Sarah Sellon, reimburse	195.28
Denise Hoy, reimburse envelopes	2,384.50	Scott Long, ½ comedian	495.00
Dennis Donovan, audit	750.00	Seton, goggles	21.55
EFTPS, fed/fica tax	8,537.40	Simmering-Cory, code work	3,000.00
College Ely Putnam Fire	21,526.50	Simmons Perrine, legal	4,874.75
Gazette, publications	125.85	Solon Economist, publications	162.00
Grainger, equipment	193.20	Solon State Bank, petty cash	256.68
Hinton Plumbing, repairs	89.50	Solon State Bank, dep slips	85.11
IA Prison Industries, street signs	535.50	South Slope, phone/internet	577.53
IMFOA, dues	100.00	State Hygienic, lab	1,247.00
Institute of Public Affairs, goal session	1,345.33	T & W, repairs	708.65
Iowa DNR, permit amendment	85.00	Terminex, pest control	381.50
Iowa Express, delivery	200.00	The Accel Group, insurance	32.00
Iowa One Call, locates	29.70	The Book Farm, books	2,024.95
Iowa Park & Rec, fee	60.00	Theisen's, supply	60.84
IPERS, contributions	4,977.48	To the Letter, typeset	100.00
John's Lock & Key, services	96.00	Tracy Clair, reimburse	101.20
Ken-Way, ditch work	8,263.36	TSC, supply	36.97
Keystone, lab	25.00	USA Bluebook, supply	256.35
Kiracofe Oil, fuel	1,898.90	Verizon Wireless, Cell Service	151.89
Kirkwood, class registration	475.00	VSP, insurance	55.96
Kromminga Motors, repairs	349.13	Waste Management, services	11,439.02
Linn County Planning, inspections	392.81	Wellmark, insurance	3,154.38
Martin Marietta, rock	697.13	Payroll, 1/10-02/12, 2018	23,208.18
Menards, supply	253.72		
Mid-American Energy, utilities	451.53	Total Bills	\$160,278.24

January 2018 expenses per fund: General \$36,089; Road Use Tax \$16,080; Hoover Bike Trail \$95,816; Main Street Sewer Ext \$405; Water \$27,427; Sewer \$18,796. Total \$194,613.

January 2018 receipts per fund: General \$36,742; RUT \$14,816; Employee Benefits \$265; LOST \$18,161; TIF \$4,638; Water \$18,969; Sewer \$28,788; Storm Water Management \$182. Total \$122,561.

Correspondence: Council received minutes for January and a special February meeting from the P & Z. They accepted, with regret, the resignation (retirement) of Bob Mreen from the Planning and Zoning and acknowledged that Josh Entler had been appointed chair. Under Parks Callie presented minutes from the January meeting and reported on the parks survey that had been completed. Callie also updated council on several upcoming events including the Comedy Night on 3/9, Easter Egg Hunt on 3/24 and Park and Road Clean-up scheduled for 04/22. She asked for volunteers during the park clean-up effort to help plant trees as she was successful in securing a Trees Forever grant for \$1700. Council received reports from both the Linn County Sheriff Office and the Public Work Director. Sarah Sellon, Library Director, presented information on program updates and stats for the library.

Citizen Requests: No requests.

Business:

Council member Hale moved, second by Billick, to approve a Slough Exemption request from Aaron & Teresa Cooper, 145 Deborah Anne Lane. The City Administrator was instructed to send the Linn County Soil and Conservation a letter informing them of council's decision. Ayes: 5.

After discussion and consideration of the Planning and Zoning recommendation, council member Billick moved, second by Wery, to deny the request from Veronica Diersen and Rachele Biderman for rezoning of property located at 1695 Dows Street from C1A- Downtown Commercial District to C2. Ayes: Rohner, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, Billick.

Consideration was given to construction plans for Deer Valley phase 2 addition consisting of 8 new lots along Pheasant Run Road. Council member Whitaker moved, second by Rohner, to approve the construction plans. Ayes: Rohner, Wery, Hale, Whitaker, Billick.

The personnel committee recommended the hiring of Christopher Henkel for the public works position. Henkel comes with extensive street and snow removal experience. Moved by Hale, second by Whitaker to approve. Ayes: 5.

Council reviewed the wetland mitigation report submitted by MMS. We are currently in the third year of a five-year plan. Recommendation are to plant 65 new trees and some new grasses. City Administrator will be working on a plan to insure this takes place.

Council member Wery moved, second by Rohner, to formally adopt the 2018 Goal Setting Report. This report outlines goals and priorities for the next 2 years. City Administrator will put together action plans, including a review scheduled each quarter, for council to consider at the March meeting.

Council member Billick moved, second by Hale, to accept the FY2017 Audit Report as submitted by Dennis Donovan. Ayes: 5.

City Admin Hoy reviewed details of the FY2019 budget with council members and those present at the meeting. She reported that valuations had increased significantly due to new real estate coming on the rolls and that the tax rate would be 5 cents lower this year than last year. Council set a public hearing on the FY2019 Budget for 7 PM on March 12, 2018.

It was reported that the formally known CCREC committee had officially disbanded and that members would be focusing efforts towards a new library addition.

Mayor Miller announced a Proclamation to recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Municipal Home Rule in Iowa and proudly support its continued authority.

Council set the Ely Annual Cleanup Day for May 19, 2018.

Hoy announced that she had received the first Draft of the new City Code and that it will be reviewed in the next few months.

At 8:26 PM council member Hale moved, second by Wery, to move into closed session as allowed under Iowa Code section 21.5(j) to discuss the purchase of property. Ayes: 5

Council came out of closed session at 8:49 PM in which the meeting was adjourned by motion.

Eldrew Miller, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, Clerk/Administrator